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SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF FRENCH ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

DEPT. PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR HODSOLL; EPA FOR GREEN; HUD FOR BARNES

1. SUMMARY: GOF HAS ANNOUNCED A REORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN ITS ACTIVITIES. AFTER TWO YEARS IN OPERATION AND WITH STRONG, ALTHOUGH CRITICAL, SUPPORT OF CONSERVATION GROUPS, THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT THE MINISTRY IS HERE TO STAY AND THAT THE " PROBATION PERIOD" IS OVER. END OF SUMMARY.

2. THE MINISTRY IS NOW COMPOSED OF THREE MAJOR ADMINISTRATIONS:

- A. PREVENTION OF POLLUTIONS, HEADED BY JEAN- FRANCOIS SAGLIO;
- B. PROTECTION OF NATURE, FISH, WILDLIFE AND OPEN SPACE, HEADED BY JEAN SERVAT; AND
- C. RURAL AND URBAN ENVIRONMENT, HEADED BY PHILIPPE PRUVOST.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, WITH SERGE ANTOINE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY FORMULATION, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION.

TWO ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS WERE ALSO CREATED TO PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY IN: A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES;  
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AND B. INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND EDUCATION.

A NETWORK OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS REPRESENTS THE MINISTER IN EACH OF THE REGIONS OF FRANCE. THE MINISTRY WILL RELY INCREASINGLY ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC OPINION TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES. " FLOATING" CONTROL TEAMS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE ON THE SPOT WHEREVER NEEDED.

3. THE MAJOR ISSUE NOW CONFRONTING THE MINISTRY IS ITS ABILITY TO IMPOSE ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA ON THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER FRENCH INDUSTRIES AND MAJOR INDUSTRIES, AND TO DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT STRUCTURE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE CRITERIA. THE MINISTRY WILL REQUIRE OTHER

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SUBMIT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF IMPACT OF A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO THE U. S. IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIREMENT.

GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING SET FOR THE NEXT FIVE- YEAR PLAN OF 1975-1980. THE " CADRE DE VIE", OR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, IS EMERGING AS THE MAJOR THEME OF THIS SEVENTH PLAN, IN WHICH THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT INPUT.

4. A SUBSTANTIAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ALL THESE ACTIVITIES IS EXPECTED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IN ORDER TO BUTTRESS THE MINISTRY'S PROGRAM.

5. THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE MINISTRY'S REORGANIZATION IS BEING POUCHED TO CEQ, EPA, HUD, AND SCI.  
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